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women, good and bad. He had thought of this and had pondered and pondered and it all looked like so much fable. If God really were merciful let Him come and hold His devotee by the hand and save him. If He were propitious would bad impulses torment the devotee? It was said that He had been gracious to a devotee at the hour of death, coming to his side as on the wings of a bird. Much praise had He had in the past. Would He keep it? Then let Him come and save His servant Purandaradasa.

When in the course of spiritual ascent he feels weaker than usual, Purandaradasa cries out to God and says that this abandonment was not right. To have sowed and raised a crop and when it had grown to leave cattle to graze it; to have spent a thousand gold pieces and got a house and now to set fire to it; to have painted with colours a fine picture and now to throw mud and ink on it; to have reared the parrot and taught it speech and now to give it to the cat; to "have raised him and to drop him. This was not right.

**** O Lord, be merciful." Again:**

"Knowing all and aware of all, may you forsake me thus?
O Lotus-eyed, O Great One, O God! I have no friends,
life holds no pleasure for me, I have suffered from
calumny, kind One; you are father and mother,
brother and friend; and always I have trusted in you,
Krishna.

"The moments have become as ages
and I have become

lighter than straw; I have suffered in
countless births,
Thou, worshipped of sages, and
Creator of the world's
creator, Sleeper on the serpent,
Saviour of Prahlada,
Krishna.
"Having assumed the title of Protector
of devotees, should
not you be at hand to them? O you,
who liberate man,